Onus of proof in cases of Custodial Dealth

2406. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission in one of its report has recommneded that in case of custodial death in police custody or judicial custody, the onus of proving of innocence may be fixed on the police or jail administration; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Law Commission of India in its 152nd Report on 'Custodial Crimes recommended' *'inter alia,* to make consequential amendments to Indian Evidence Act, 1872 to provide that in case of custodial dealth the onus of proving of innocence may be fixed on the police. However in its 154th Report which is a comprehensive review of all its earlier repots including the 152nd Report, the Commission did not recommend the above said amendment.

Modernisation of Para-Military Forces

2407. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps taken by Government for modernisation of para-military forces;

(b) the total amount sanctioned *vis-a-vis* spent on the modernization of para-military services;

(c) whether any training/orientation programme is given to the para-military personnel so that they do not misbehave with people while conducting combat operations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Government has approved a five year perspective plan (2002-2007) for modernization of the weaponary, machinery and equipment, transport, communication/surveliance systems and training needs of the Central Para Military Forces, at an estimated cost of Rs. 3740.71 crore. The major thrust is to acquire modern weapons